



EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT
TRIA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER

TRIA ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER, 8100 Northland Drive, was recently presented with the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties Minnesota Chapter Award of Excellence. The award honors exceptional new office, industrial, mixed-use and special purpose developments throughout the region. Bloomington-based United Properties was the developer of the project.

A one-stop shop for orthopaedic care, surgery, research and education, TRIA opened at the intersection of I-494 and France Avenue last June.

TOGETHER WE STAND



WHAT DO ALL PARENTS DESIRE FOR THEIR KIDS?

Health, happiness, opportunity.

Parents can support each other by not providing alcohol to minors. Obey the law and encourage other parents to do the same.

UNDERAGE DRINKING INCREASES during prom, graduation parties and summer celebrations. Parents, community leaders and other supportive adults play an important role in reducing underage drinking.

- The strongest predictor of kids not using alcohol, marijuana and other drugs is the belief that their parents will be upset if they do.
- New research shows heavy drinking in the teen years can cause long-lasting harm to thinking abilities.
- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol.
- It is illegal to provide alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.



For information, call Bloomington Public Health at 952-563-8900 or visit www.tricitypartners.org.

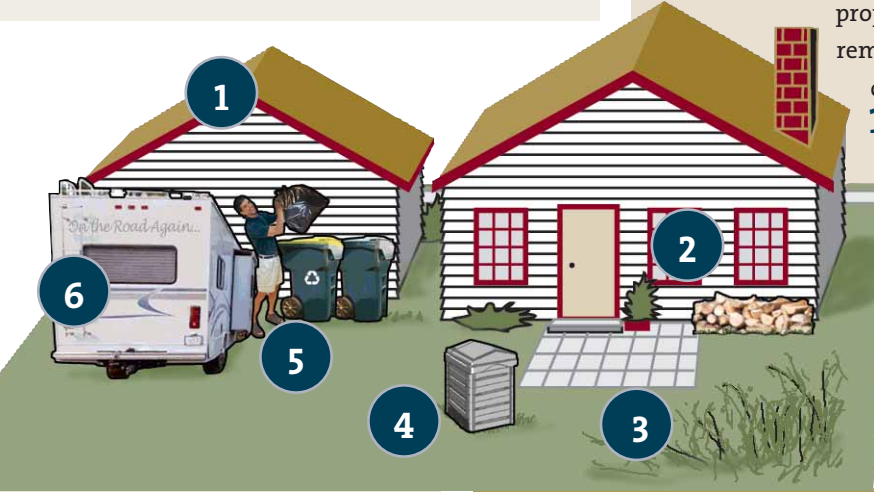
UP TO CODE
KEEP OUR CITY LOOKING GOOD

RESIDENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN MAINTAINING our city’s quality and appearance. The City has standards describing how property owners must maintain buildings and grounds, and, in addition to inspection programs (*see below*), relies on concerned residents to maintain their property and notify the City if a neighborhood property is becoming a problem. Here are some city codes regulating your house, neighborhood and pets. **Report nuisance or ordinance violations at 952-563-8934.**

STORAGE

1 Materials, machinery and equipment must be stored in a building or be fully screened from view.

2 Firewood stack sizes and location are regulated.



REFUSE, LITTER AND WEEDS

3 Grass and weeds must be cut before they reach one foot high.

4 Compost piles must be screened and located in the rear yard at least 10 feet from property lines. Place grass clippings and leaves in the pile to be composted or have them removed by the garbage hauler.

5 Waste, debris and refuse must be kept in an enclosed building or a closed container no more than five feet in front of the dwelling. Homes and businesses must have weekly refuse and recycling service.

VEHICLE PARKING

6 Vehicles must be parked in the garage or on the driveway. In certain circumstances, RVs may be stored in the back or side yard. For more on RVs, visit our Web site, keywords: Recreational vehicle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEB SITE, KEYWORD: ENVIRONMENTAL.

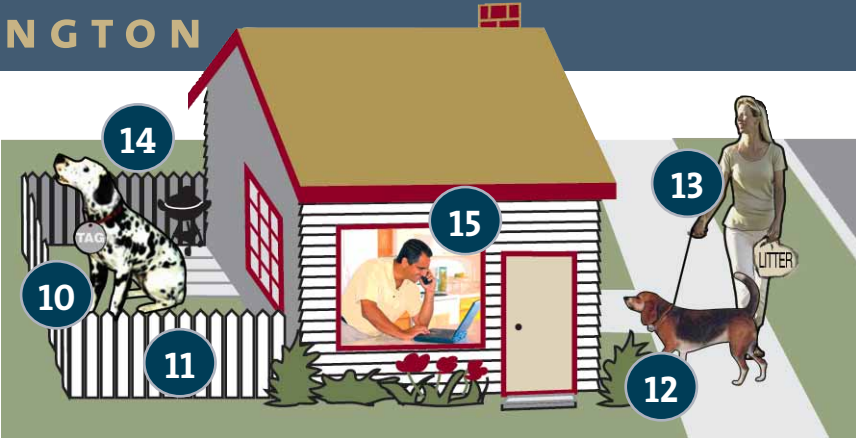


7 Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles must be stored in a garage or be fully screened from view.

8 Number of vehicles parked at a home is limited to the number of people with driver’s licenses plus one.

9 Nonresidential vehicles and vehicles longer than 22 feet and/or

higher than seven feet six inches may not park in residential areas, except when rendering a service or during lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. when they may park in the operator’s driveway. For more information on large vehicles, visit our Web site, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us keywords: Motor vehicle ordinance.



PETS

10 All dogs and cats must be licensed annually with the City and display their tags at all times. Rabies vaccination certificates for dogs and cats are required.

11 Dog enclosures must be screened from view of adjacent properties and be set back 10 feet from lot lines and 50 feet from adjacent homes.

12 Animal feces on public and private property must be removed by the pet owner.

13 Dogs must be kept under restraint by leash, a fence or voice command.

14 Frequent, continued barking is prohibited. **If you have a pet complaint, call Animal Control at 952-563-4942.**

HOME OCCUPATIONS

15 Certain occupations are prohibited in residential zones, including manufacturing; retail, where the customer comes to the home; and repair businesses. Businesses that operate only by phone or mail are generally permitted.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
ENHANCING AND PRESERVING NEIGHBORHOODS

BLOOMINGTON HAS PROGRAMS TO HELP maintain and improve neighborhood appearance. The City’s goal is to increase compliance with City ordinances and reduce complaints about property violations by keeping residents informed on City codes, offering home improvement loans and enforcing compliance with the codes when violations occur.

In addition to citywide inspections conducted by the Environmental Health Division, the Community Enhancement Program (CEP) promotes concentrated

public education and enforcement of zoning regulations, nuisance abatement and property maintenance to address violations proactively before they become citizen complaints. The result is a greater compliance rate after the initial correction order, compared to compliance with orders issued after a complaint was filed.

In 2005, the second phase of the Community Enhancement Program (CEP II) began by addressing specific blocks instead of entire neighborhoods, allowing for more thorough inspections

and focusing efforts in locations where the most complaints occur. Of the 275 properties inspected in 2005, 41 percent were given correction orders. Currently, 6 percent of the original 275 homes inspected have unresolved code violations. Most of these homes were granted extensions to complete work due to cold weather or participation in the Housing and Redevelopment Authority Neighborhood Loan Program. CEP II will continue in 2006.

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